

MPA Student Holiday Gathering

The annual MPA Holiday Gathering will be held on Thursday, December 14, from 7 – 8:30 p.m. in UC 201/202. During the reception, we will be honoring our December 2006 graduates – John Campbell, Heather Drago, and Adam Durbin. Students in Dr. Hallock Morris's PA 631 course will have class at 6 p.m. and will go over to the reception at 7 p.m.

It's That Time Again: Early Registration Dates

- Early registration dates for Spring 2007 are November 6-17, 2006. Students have two options for registration: walk through registration with their advisor or web registration through MyUSI. Returning graduate students may register for classes beginning on **Monday, November 6**. New graduate students will be able to register starting **Monday, November 13**. Please refer to the schedule of classes for more information.
 - Eligible continuing and readmitted students not taking advantage of the November 6-17 early registration period will have additional opportunities to register. Please see the registration information on the Registrar's website: <http://www.usi.edu/reg/early.asp>.
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Spring 2007 Schedule of Classes

PA 606.001 Public Personal Administration (3 hours) Tuesday 6 – 8:45 p.m. LA 2028, Instructor TBA

- The purpose of this course is to examine public personnel issues. Specifically, issues related to personnel/human resource management, employee motivation, evaluation, promotion/demotion, training, benefits, wages and salaries, as well as disciplinary policies and various legal aspects relating to public sector employment.

PA 632.001 Public Administration (3 hours) Wednesday 6 – 8:45 p.m. LA 2004, Instructor TBA

- Analysis of administrative procedures and policy issues in government agencies and nonprofit organizations.

PA 653.NC1 Ethics in Public Administration (3 hours) Thursday 6 – 8:45 p.m. LA 1015, Mary Hallock Morris

- Examination of the ethical problems and conflicts encountered by government officials, nonprofit administrators, and other public administrators. Students in this course will contemplate a variety of topics including values and ethics, situational ethics, and individual and organizational ethics. *This course will be offered as a distance education course with six on-campus meetings: January 11, January 25, February 22, March 22, April 5, and April 26.*
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Introducing Dr. Uisoon Kwon

The MPA program would like to extend a warm welcome to Dr. Uisoon Kwon. UK, as he likes to be called, joined the faculty this fall and is currently teaching [PA 618, Research Methods in Public Administration](#).

Dr. Kwon is originally from South Korea where he earned both his B.A. and M.A. in Political Science from Hankuk University of Foreign Studies. He earned a second master's degree and a Ph.D. from Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Michigan. His specializations are American voting behavior and research methodology. UK is also studies various American political institutions such as Congress and the Presidency.

In addition to teaching his graduate course, UK teaches two undergraduate courses: POLS 407, The Legislative Process, and POLS 203, Introduction to the Policy Process.

Kudos!

- MPA student **Lana Abel** took a new position with Communities United to Strengthen America. She started in June as the Communications Director. In September, Lana became the Evansville Center Director for the organization. Communities United is a 501(c)4 nonprofit, nonpartisan issue advocacy organization that strives to build a stronger America by addressing issues that affect middle class families everyday -- issues like affordable and quality healthcare, retirement security and economic prosperity.
- **Susie Carney**, a graduate of the MPA program, started a new job as a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor with the State of Indiana on June 19, 2006. Susie works with individuals who have disabilities that have resulted in them having difficulties in obtaining a job.
- MPA student **Adam Durbin** started a new job as the Manager of Client Services for the University of Evansville in August 2006. Adam oversees the Technology Help Desk and Audio-Visual Department, and manages two full-time employees and 50 student workers.
- **Janet Johnson**, a graduate of the MPA program, has been named assistant director of USI Career Services and Placement effective September 11, 2006. Johnson had served as a career coordinator in that office since 2002.
- MPA student **Sarah Siddens** accepted a position with Wells, Kinkade, and Associates, in July 2006. Sarah is serving as an intake clerk and is responsible for creating cases that are filed with the Indiana and Kentucky bankruptcy courts.
- **Pam Van Vorst**, a graduate of the MPA program, has been promoted to Staffing Manager with Employment Plus and has moved to their new Evansville location on Vogel Road behind the mall. Employment Plus is a full service human resources solutions firm.

Upcoming Events!

This weekend, Communities United to Strengthen America is hosting a Democracy Block Party at Haynie's Corner, 2nd and Adams, Evansville, Indiana. The event is Saturday, October 14, from 4-9 p.m. and will feature live performances by Namasté and The Smoke Rings. For more information, see the Communities United website at <http://www.communities-united.org/evansville>.

Indiana Political Science Association Meeting

The annual meeting of the Indiana Political Science Association will be held on USI's campus on March 30, 2007. Graduate students are encouraged to submit paper proposals. It's a great resume builder! Last year, MPA student Sarah Siddens gave a presentation entitled "Where Does Freedom Stop and Order Start? A Theoretical Analysis of the Patriot and Freedom of Information Acts." Dr. Morris will be sending out more information about the conference later this semester.

Application Deadlines for the MPA Program

- In order to be admitted the MPA Program for the spring semester, please submit [application materials](#) to the Graduate Studies Office by **November 21, 2006**. Applications received after November 21, will be considered only if space is available.
- Applicants who are unable to meet the November 21, 2006, deadline for submitting materials may apply for admission as a guest student for the spring semester if they submit a [Graduate Application for Nondegree or Guest Status](#) on or before January 5, 2007. Guest students have a life-time limit of six credit hours (two courses). Admission as a guest student does not guarantee admission to the Program at a later date.

Taking the GRE

Individuals applying for regular admission to the MPA program are required to take either the GMAT or the GRE. Both tests are offered through Prometric Testing Center, Hebron Office Plaza, 923 S. Kenmore, Evansville, IN 47714. Call the center at 812-479-6855 to register for either test. Available test times are Mondays through Fridays are 8:00 AM and noon, and on Saturdays at 8:00 AM only. USI's **GMAT** code number is 4437. USI's **GRE** code is R1335. Free practice tests can be downloaded from <http://www.mba.com/mba/TaketheGMAT> or <http://www.gre.org>. See the MPA website for more details on test fees.

Miscellany

- For information about the University of Southern Indiana's Graduate Student Policies, see the Graduate Studies website at: <http://www.usi.edu/gradstud/academic.asp>
 - General admission requirements for USI's graduate programs are listed on the Graduate Studies website at: <http://www.usi.edu/gradstud/admit.asp>
 - The specific MPA program admission requirements can be found at: <http://www.usi.edu/gradstud/admpa.asp>
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About the MPA @ USI

The Master of Public Administration (MPA) is the primary graduate degree sought by current and future administrators in government agencies, not-for-profit organizations, and heavily regulated private corporations. The curriculum consists of twelve graduate courses. Courses emphasize practical applications of skills and knowledge relevant to problems confronting administrators working in government agencies and not-for-profit organizations in southwestern Indiana. Since most MPA students are working professionals attending school part-time, most courses meet one evening each week during fall and spring semesters. Some courses are also offered in the summer or can be taken online as distance education courses. See our home page at: <http://www.usi.edu/libarts/philpolsci/MPA/>

Feel free to forward our newsletter to other people who may be interested in the MPA Program @ USI. If you receive a forwarded copy of this newsletter and would like to be added to our list, click [here](#).

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